

I. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the current title with the following new title:

--PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF L-AMINO ACIDS BY
ATTENUATING THE sucC AND sucD GENES--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 2 with the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/838,564, filed April 20, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/728,498, filed November 27, 2000, which claims priority to German Appl. No. 199 56 686.0, filed November 25, 1999.--

Please replace the sequence listing starting at page 33, line 1 with the substitute sequence listing filed herewith.